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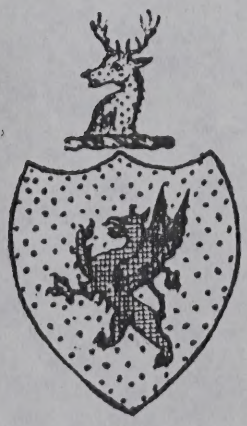

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The Morgan's ancient Coat of Arms illustrates the following:

(a) A Griffin with wings addorsed, which in Heraldic Lore symbolizes *Faithful Guardian of Treasure.*

(b) The Crest: A Stag which symbolizes *Eagerness in Pursuit.*

(c) The metals and tinctures of the blazoned arms denote con stancy, deathless courage, generosity and elevation of mind.

MORGAN MOTTOS

1. "Fides et audax," True and Bold.
2. "Onward and Upward."

Name of Morgan

Morgan is a Welch name. Its literal meaning is "Born of the Sea" or "Son of the Sea". Translated into the Greek, the name becomes "Pelagius" or "of the Sea".

The Morgan name played an important part in the legends and classic lore of the "Knights of the Round Table" and "King Arthur's Court". As an example, it was Morgan Mwkynfawr, a member of King Arthur's Court, who was the owner of the Magic Car. This car was one of the Nine Treasures of the Brittons; whoever sat in it would be at once transported wheresoever he wished.

It was William Morgan who translated the Bible into the Welch language. And it is said that Morgan of Glamorgan established the form of Trial by Jury, and not Alfred the Great of England as is generally supposed.

Glamorgan, the birthplace of William Morgan, the common Ancestor of the first Morgans to come to America, was in Wales. King Morgan was the founder of Glamorgan as well as the family of Morgan. He headed a line of Welch Kings and Princes; all famous warriors.

One of the most picturesque figures of the Morgan family was Henry Morgan, the Buccaneer, who for a time was Deputy Governor of Britton. By favor of Charles II, King of Britton, he died "The Gallant Sir Henry Morgan."

Morgan Family in America

The first Morgans to emigrate to America were: James, John and Miles Morgan. The three were sons of William Morgan of Llandaff, Glamorgan County, Wales. They arrived in Boston, Massachusetts, about 1636. Each took an active part in the respective localities in which they settled, and from their families have come a long line of distinguished descendents who have played major roles in the development of America.

JAMES MORGAN

James Morgan, the eldest son, is the common ancestor of a very large family of Morgans scattered widely in nearly every State of the Union. In its members are noted devines, outstanding members of the Bar and others distinguished in citizenship. A Genealogical Record of this family, published by Nathanial H. Morgan in 1869, indicated that the James Morgan descendents, at that time, numbered several thousand members. The patriarchial homestead, built by James Morgan in 1657, was located in Groton, Massachusetts. He resided in it until his death in 1685, in his 79th year. Then for five consecutive generations, down to 1870, an unbroken line of descendents of James Morgan occupied this homestead; each generation being headed by the eldest son, who, in each case, was named "James", down to 1792, after their common ancestor.

After that generation, the eldest son carried the name of Nicholas until 1870. The present status of this ancient home is to the writer unknown.

MILES MORGAN

Miles Morgan, the youngest brother, born in 1615, on his arrival at Boston, or soon thereafter, joined a party of emigrants, mostly from Roxbury, Massachusetts and founded the settlement of Springfield, Massachusetts, now a large and thriving city. In about 1643, he married Prudence Gilbert, of Beverly, Massachusetts, who was a fellow passenger with him on the voyage from Bristol, England. Of this courtship and marriage an interesting account has been preserved. It appears that the Gilbert family located in Beverly, Massachusetts, about one hundred and twenty miles from Springfield, Massachusetts, where young Miles Morgan had located. Having fallen in love with Prudence on the voyage to America, and after getting himself located and in position to care for a wife and family, young Miles was determined to make a proposal of marriage to Prudence. And this he did, by letter, in which he proposed to her to become his wife, and the sharer of his dubious fortunes in the wilderness. To this frank proposal, she, with equal frankness (for coquetry, it seems, was not then in fashion), wrote him an explicit answer expressing her willingness to comply with his desires. Without delay, young Morgan engaged two friends and an Indian to attend him on his matrimonial expedition. He took with him an old horse to convey the "wedding presents" for the intended bride. Then armed with their flint-lock muskets, they started on their journey. It was a distance of about one hundred and twenty miles and required several days to make the journey. On the party's arrival at the home of Miss Prudence Gilbert at Beverly, Massachusetts, they were taken in by the intended bride's family and cared for. In a day or two the matrimonial contract was satisfied in form"; the marriage was performed and the return journey arranged. The old pack horse received its destined burden; the bridegroom and his party shouldered their muskets and the bridal group started back to Springfield, Massachusetts, their home to be; the entire journey being made by foot.*

And so from the children of these two wives was initiated the family of Miles Morgan and his wives Prudence and Elizabeth, who were to become the common ancestors of some of the world's richest bankers and men of affairs, including: Junius S. Morgan, banker of London, England, a member of the celebrated firm of George Peabody & Company; J. Pierpont Morgan, who founded the "House of Morgan" and who, in the first World War, loaned the British Government the sum of one and a half billion dollars, $1,500,000,000; and J. Pierpont Morgan II, who recently died but who was equally famous as his illustrious father in matters of finance.

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* Prudence Gilbert Morgan, first wife of Miles Morgan, died November 14, 1660. Miles Morgan then married Elizabeth Bliss on February 15, 1669.

JOHN MORGAN

John Morgan, the second son of William Morgan, our Common Ancestor, of whom I have written last, in order that I may, concerning whom, more fully write, settled in New England with his two brothers. It is said of him, however, that he, observing "the bigotry and the persecuting spirit of those Godly Puritans, who, though, their professed motive for removing to these western regions was the enjoyment of *religious liberty*, yet would tolerate no one whose sentiments were not in perfect unison with their own," decided, in disgust, to leave "the meek disciples of John Calvin" in New England and emigrate to the more congenial climate and associate himself with the broader minded people of Virginia.

The date of his birth is not certain, but is thought to be about 1610. At the age of twenty-six, he arrived in Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained until about 1640, when he sailed down the Atlantic coast to the mouth of the Chesapeake bay. From there he migrated inland to Brunswick County, Virginia, where he married and remained until his death in about 1653.

The maiden name of his wife is not known, but it is known that he had a son whom he named Edward and who was born about 1642.

Sometime prior to 1676, Edward moved to Shepardstown, Berkley County, Virginia, and it was there that his son Richard was born in about 1676. Shepardstown is now located in the extreme northeastern part of what is now West Virginia. It is thought that some of the descendents of Edward Morgan moved westerly into what became known as Morgan County and that said County received its name from these settlers.

Richard Morgan was reared in Shepardstown, Virginia and married June Morgan, who it is thought was his cousin. From this union, a son, Jacob Morgan, was born in Shepardstown, in 1700.

Jacob Morgan, the son, grew to maturity in Shepardstown and was married to Jacqueline Smith of the same town, and from this union was born John Morgan in the year 1734. John Morgan was born in Shepardstown, Virginia and in his young manhood married a Miss Mary Barm. John Morgan and his young wife left Shepardstown shortly after their marriage and moved south to the little settlement of Goochland, in Goochland County, Virginia. This location is but a short distance northwest from Richmond, Virginia. From this marriage there was born in Goochland on July 28, 1755 Garrard Morgan I.

Garrard Morgan I grew to maturity in Goochland and married Elizabeth Milton on February 16, 1772. From this union a son was born on October 28, 1773 in Goochland, who was named Garrard Morgan II.

Garrard Morgan II, as a young man, had heard much concerning the great blue grass country of Kentucky to the west from such men as Daniel Boone and he decided to migrate to that country. Having outfitted himself, he induced his sister to accompany him and they started west. They finally located near what is now Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky. They each took up land; the sister met a man by the name of Thatcher and married him and Garrard Morgan II met a young lady by the name of Sarah Sanderson and married her.

Sarah Sanderson was born June 10, 1774, in South Carolina and emigrated to Nicholas County, Kentucky about the same time as Garrard Morgan II.

From this union, which occurred in 1798, came a large and distinguished family of men and women who played a very important part in the development of the new west, including Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. Their names are as follows:

	Born	*Time*	*Died*
John Sanderson Morgan	Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.	Jan. 6, 1799	June 17, 1852
James Morgan	Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.	_____, 1802	_____, 1872
Woodson Morgan	Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.	Jan. 18, 1804	Sept. 17, 1887
Garrard Morgan, III	Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.	May 16, 1806	Apr. 10, 1889
Elizabeth Morgan	Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.	_____, 1808	_____, ____
Mary (or Polly) Morgan	Carlisle, Nicholas Co., Ky.	Jan. 13, 1811	Sept. 13, 1900
Wm. Franklin Morgan		Apr. 19, 1913	_____, ____

Garrard Morgan II died on April 14, 1814, in Concord, Kentucky.

In 1823, Sarah Sanderson Morgan, now a widow, took all of her children with the exception of John Sanderson Morgan and moved to a farm which she purchased near the newly settled town of Greensburg in the State of Indiana. Here she lived and raised her family. She died in the year 1848.

Garrard Morgan III, the fourth son of Garrard Morgan II and Sarah Sanderson Morgan, married a young lady in Greensburg, Indiana by the name of Eliza Ann Hamilton who was born July 2, 1815 and died April 18, 1901.

From this union came the following children:

	Born	*Time*	*Died*
William Woodsen Morgan	Greensburg, Indiana	_____, 1840	_____
John Hamilton Morgan	Greensburg, Indiana	Aug. 8, 1842	Aug. 14, 1894
Leonidas Morgan	_____	_____	_____
James Morgan	_____	_____	_____
Luella Morgan	_____	_____	_____
Garrard Morgan	_____	_____	_____

WILLIAM MORGAN

Common Ancestor

Was born in Llandaff, Glamorgan County, Wales, about 1580; was the father of the three sons herein below named, who emigrated to America and arrived at Boston, Massachusetts in April, 1636:

* * * * * *

1. James I
   Eldest son of William
   Born about 1607
   Married Margery Hill
   August 6, 1640
   Died in 1685

2. Captain James II
   Son of James I
   Born March 3, 1644
   Married Mary Vine
   Nov. 1666
   Died Dec. 8, 1711

3. James III
   Son of James II
   Born Feb. 6, 1667
   Married Hannah _____
   Died May 4, 1748

4. James IV
   Son of James III
   Born 1693
   Married Mary Morgan
   Died Aug. 25, 1770

5. James V
   Son of James IV
   Born 1730
   Married Catherine Steet
   1758
   Died May 16, 1792

1. John
   Second son of William
   Born about 1610
   Settled in Virginia
   Married (Unknown)
   Died in Brunswick, Va.
   About 1653

2. Edward
   Son of John
   Born about 1642 in Brunswick, Va.
   Married (Unknown)
   Died (Date Unknown)

3. Richard
   Son of Edward
   Born about 1676 in Shepardstown, Va.
   Married June Morgan
   Died (Date Unknown)

4. Jacob
   Son of Richard
   Born 1700 in Shepardstown, Va.
   Married Jacqueline Smith
   Died (Date Unknown)

5. John
   Son of Jacob
   Born 1734 in Shepardstown, Va.
   Married Mary Barm
   Died (Date Unknown)

1. Miles
   Third son of William
   Born about 1615
   Married Elizabeth Bliss
   February 15, 1669
   Died May 28, 1699

2. Nathanial
   Son of Miles
   Born June 14, 1671
   Married Hannah Bird
   January 19, 1691
   Died Aug. 30, 1752

3. Joseph I
   Son of Nathanial
   Born Dec. 3, 1702
   Married Mary Stebbins
   May 5, 1735
   Died Nov. 7, 1773

4. Joseph II
   Son of Joseph I
   Born Feb. 19, 1736
   Married Experience Smith
   Sept. 9, 1765
   Died (Date Unknown)

5. Joseph III
   Son of Joseph II
   Born Jan. 4, 1780
   Married Sally Spence
   Sept. 20, 1807
   Died in 1847

6. Nicholas I
Son of James V
Born 1762
Married Phebe Avery
March 15, 1790
Died Apirl 28, 1845

7. Nicholas II
Son of Nicholas I
Born May 12, 1803
Married Pedy T. Bushnell
April 20, 1845
Died (Date Unknown)

8. Nicholas III
Son of Nicholas II
Born May 25, 1846

6. Garrard I
Son of John
Born July 28, 1755 in Goochland, Va.
Married Elizabeth Milton
Feb. 16, 1772
Died (Date Unknown)

7. Garrard II
Son of Garrard I
Born October 28, 1773 in Goochland, Va.
Married Sarah Sanderson
Died April 14, 1814

8. Garrard III
Son of Garrard II
Born May 16, 1806, Carlisle, Ky.
Married Eliza Ann Hamilton
Died (Date Unknown)

9. John Hamilton
Born Aug. 8, 1842, Greensburg, Ind.
Married Helen M. Groesbeck
Died Aug. 14, 1894

10. Nicholas G. I.
Son of John Hamilton
Born Nov. 9, 1884
Married Ethel S. Tate
January 18, 1909

6. Junius Spencer
Son of Joseph III
Born 1813
Married Juliet Pierpont
1836
Died 1890

7. John Pierpont
Son of Junius Spencer
Born April 17, 1837
Married Frances Louisa Tracy
Died March 31, 1913

8. John Pierpont Morgan, Jr.
Born Sept 7, 1867
Married Jane Norton Gree

JOHN MORGAN IN UTAH

John Hamilton Morgan, second son of Garrard Morgan III, was reared in Greensburg, Indiana and received such meager education as that little frontier town afforded.

In the spring of 1855, Garrard Morgan III and his family moved west into Illinois and located in the newly organized town site of Mattoon, Illinois. It was at this location that the Terre Haute and Alton Railroad and the Illinois Central Railroad right of ways crossed and it was because of this intersection of railroads that the townsite was laid out and a town started. Here John Hamilton Morgan continued his education while working on the farm.

At the age of 20 years, on the 6th day of September, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company I, 123rd Illinois Infantry. He served with distinction in the Union Army until the end of the Civil War. He was appointed a Corporal of said Company, August 1, 1864 and as Sargeant on December 31, 1864. He was honorably discharged from the service with his Company, as a Sargeant, June 28, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn.

In January of 1866, John Hamilton Morgan went to Poughkeepsie, New York, and enrolled as a student in the Eastman's Commercial College. He completed the course in six months and then went to Murfreesburo, Tennessee to go into business with a young man who had served in the Army with him during the Civil War.

It was at this time, that both young men were offered contracts by a Mr. William Jennings to drive a herd of cattle from Kansas City to Great Salt Lake City, Utah. This offer they accepted, deciding that they wanted to see some of the world before settling down to business.

John Hamilton Morgan and his companion arrived in Salt Lake City on December 23, 1866, but due to the absence of Mr. Jennings from the City they were required to wait for about ten days for the return of their employer in order to get the money due them. During this period John Hamilton Morgan became interested in the Community and decided to remain and open up a Commercial College, patterned after the Eastman's College which he had attended in Poughkeepsie, New York. His partner continued on to California.

At this time John Hamilton Morgan dropped his middle name and was from then on known as John Morgan. He was a man of unblemished character and possessed of many outstanding talents. Educationally, politically and religiously, he, with easy effort, in a few short years stepped into the very vanguard of the settlement and development of the Rocky Mountain States and became one of the General Authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The following events in his life in chronological order, indicate some of his contributions to the State and Church of his adoption. His influence for good on the lives of others was felt by untold numbers in his own generation and will continue to be felt by thousands in generations yet unborn.

1.	Dec. 27, 1866	Organized "Morgan's Commercial College" which, for nine years, was one of the leading Educational Institutions of the Utah Territory.
2.	Dec. 23, 1867	Baptized and confirmed a member of the L. D. S. Church by Robert L. Campbell.
3.	June 12, 1872	Appointed on a Committee, with George Goddard and John B. Maiben to formulate a General Superintendency and Deseret Union Board for the Sun-Schools of the Church.
4.	Oct. 8, 1875	Called by First Presidency of the Church to go on mission to preach the Gospel in Tennessee and Kentucky, but later assigned to Illinois and Indiana.
5.	Sept. 15, 1876	By special permission from President Brigham Young, continued missionary labors in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.
6.	Nov. 25, 1877	Brought first contingent of converts from Southern States, numbering seventy, and located them in temporary quarters in Pueblo, Colorado. Organized them into the United Order.
7.	Mar. 12, 1878	Met with Governor A. C. Hunt of Colorado, at Garland, Colorado, and received his approval of the colonizing of San Luis Valley.
8.	June 1 to 4, 1878	Wrote first Tract, entitled "Plan of Salvation." Millions of these Tracts have been distributed by the Elders of the Church and are now being distributed at the rate of 250,000 copies per year.
9.	Aug. 9, 10, 11, 1878	Organized Southern States Mission at a conference held in Haywood Valley, North Georgia, and was sustained as President. This Presidency he held until 1888.
10.	Apr. 13, 1882	With Elder Mathias F. Cowley as a companion, visited David Whitmer at his home in Richmond, Clay County, Missouri, and heard him bear strong testimony as to the Divinity of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon.
11.	May 31, 1883	Appointed Second Assistant in the General Superintendency of the First Deseret Sunday School Union Board with Geo. Q. Cannon, General Supt., Geo. Goddard, First Assistant, and John Morgan, as Second Assistant.
12.	Aug. 6, 1883	Elected member of the Utah Territorial Legislature. Made Chairman of Committee on Education. Drafted and introduced a Bill in Legislature making Session School Law of 1880 more effective.
13.	Aug. 6, 1883	Elected County Superintendent of Schools for Salt Lake County.
14.	Sept. 19, 1883	In company with Apostle Francis M. Lyman, attended San Juan Stake Conference at Bluff, Utah, and decided that that settlement should be made permanent.
15.	Dec. 2, 1883	Organized first Salt Lake County School Teacher's Association.
16.	Feb. 18, 1884	Secured passage of Public School Bill in Legislature.
17.	Mar. 2, 1884	Elected a Regent of the University of Deseret by the Joint Session of the Territorial Legislature.
18.	Oct. 5, 1884	Was selected as one of the First Council of Seven President of Seventy and accepted at General Conference of the Church.
19.	June 15, 1888	Moses Thatcher, John Henry Smith, John Morgan, Bishop Wm. B. Preston, A. F. McDonald and J. M. Peterson organized, at Manassa, Colorado, the Mexican Colonization and Agriculture Co. for the settlement and development of Mexico.
20.	Oct. 1, 1889	Having previously recommended the establishment on Temple Square of a Bureau of Information, he was appointed by the First Presidency of the Church to organize same and place it in operation. Notification of his appointment was conveyed to him by President Lorenzo Snow. He forthwith carried out his assignment. In 1947, nearly one million tourists and investigators visited this Bureau and received authentic information concerning Church History and organization.

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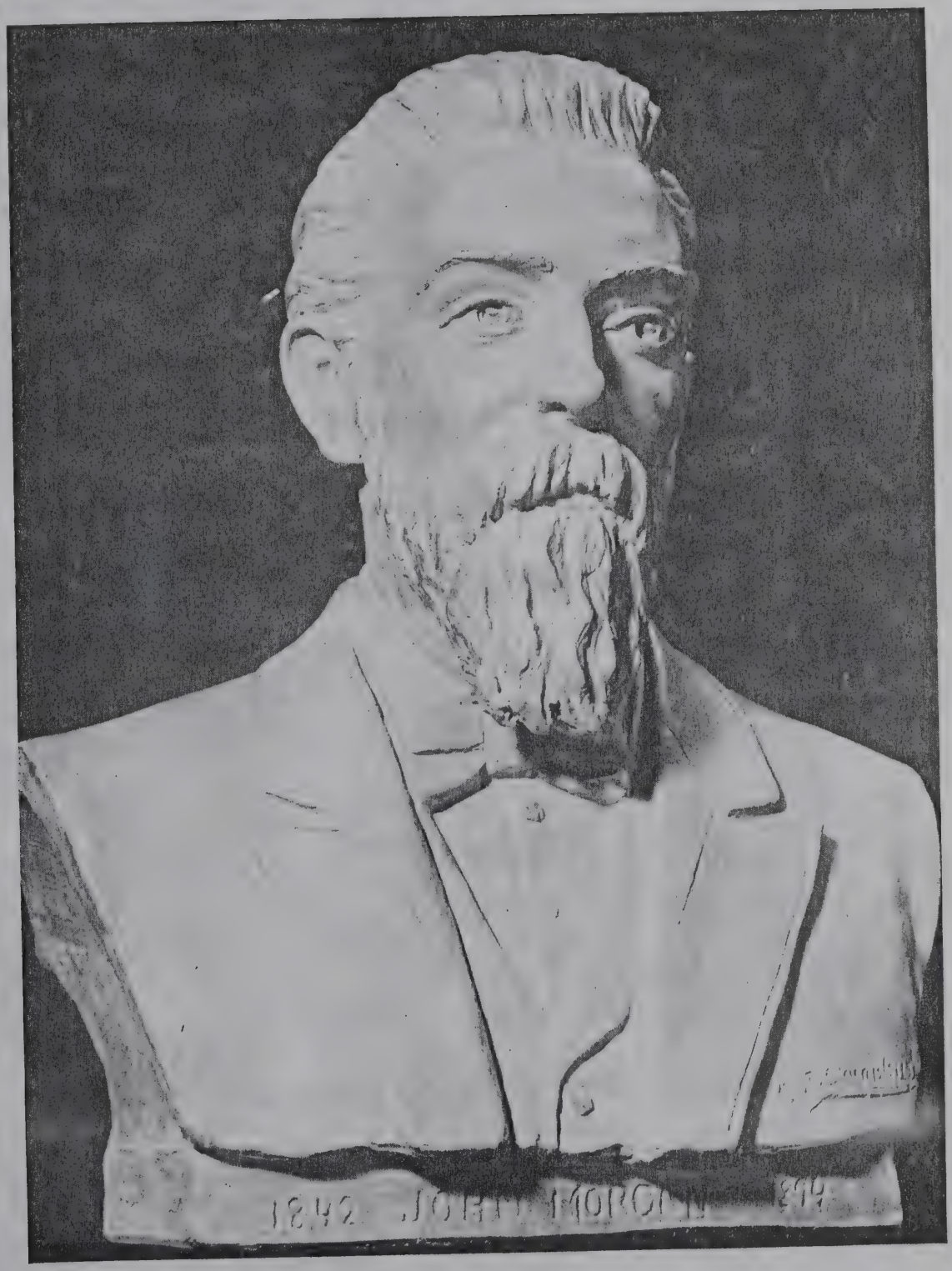

21.	Jan. 12, 1892	Having been appointed to go to Washington, D. C. and secure, if possible, statehood for Utah, he, on this day, had lengthy interview with President Harrison at the White House on this subject.
22.	Jan. 17, 1892	Prepared Bill granting Statehood to Utah and arranged with Senator H. M. Teller of Colorado to introduce same in the U. S. Senate. This Senator Teller did.
23.	Jan. 18, 1892	Met with Senators Carey and Warren and Congressman Clark from Wyoming. Had difficulty but finally arranged to have Congressman Clark introduce Statehood Bill in House of Representatives.
24.	Sept. 1, 1890	Started construction of the Morgan Hotel, which, when completed, was one of the largest and finest hotels in the Intermountain country at that time.
25.	Sept. 18, 1891	With John Henry Smith, was given leadership in organizing the Republican Party in Utah and Arizona.
26.	Aug. 14, 1894	Died, at the age of 52, in Preston, Idaho.

FAMILIES OF JOHN MORGAN

	Born	*Where*	*Died*	*Where*
John Hamilton Morgan	Aug. 8, 1842	Greensburg, Ind.	Aug. 14, 1894	Preston, Idaho
1. Helen Melvina Grosbeck	Feb. 7, 1852	Springfield, Ill.	June 15, 1931	Oakland, Calif.
Married John Hamilton Morgan on	October 24, 1868	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Children:				
Helen Melvina Morgan	Jan. 19, 1870	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Elizabeth Morgan	Oct. 7, 1872	Salt Lake City, Utah	Aug. 1, 1874	Salt Lake City, Utah
Eliza Ann Morgan	Feb. 8, 1875	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Ruth Morgan	Oct. 4, 1878	Salt Lake City, Utah		
John Morgan	Feb. 12, 1881	Salt Lake City, Utah	Dec. 4, 1881	Salt Lake City, Utah
Flora Morgan	Sept. 19, 1882	Salt Lake City, Utah	Apr. 1, 1885	Salt Lake City, Utah
Nicholas Groesbeck Morgan	Nov. 9, 1884	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Gail Hamilton Morgan	Apr. 3, 1888	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Bessie Morgan	Jan. 11, 1891	Salt Lake City, Utah		Salt Lake City, Utah
Garrard Earl Morgan	Oct. 8, 1892	Salt Lake City, Utah		
John Hamilton Morgan	Feb. 7, 1894	Salt Lake City, Utah		
2. Annie Mildred Smith	Mar. 7, 1860	Stafford, England	Apr. 3, 1935	Santa Cruz, California
Married John Hamilton Morgan	on June 25, 1884.			
Children:				
Annie Ray Morgan	Dec. 14, 1884	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Myrtle Morgan	June 3, 1887	Manassa, Colorado	July 28, 1890	Manassa, Colorado
John Albermarl Morgan	Mar. 27, 1889	Manassa, Colorado	Mar. 18, 1935	Salt Lake City, Utah
Ivy Morgan	May 25, 1891	Manassa, Colorado	July 17, 1940	San Mateo, California
Joseph Smith Morgan	Dec. 27, 1893	Manassa, Colorado		
3. Mary Linton	Feb. 11, 1865	Nephi, Utah		
Married John Hamilton Morgan	on June 7, 1888.	Salt Lake City, Utah		
Children:				
Linton Morgan	Sept. 21, 1890	Preston, Idaho		
Harold Morgan	Jan. 2, 1892	Nephi, Utah		
Mathias Cowley Morgan	Jan. 24, 1894	Preston, Idaho		

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